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DIARY NOTES

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12 May 1961

1. Gene Pahl of the Government Accounting Office telephoned to request on behalf of the Comptroller General that GAO be permitted to keep in its classified files a copy of the letter which they are writing to the Director and another letter which they are writing to Congressman Kilday concerning their audit of CIA activities. (After reviewing these letters, I telephoned Mr. Pahl on 15 May 1961 and told him that CIA has no objection to their retaining copies of these letters in their classified files.)

2. We were notified at about noon today that the House Subcommittee on Appropriations would meet to consider our budget at 11:00 a.m. on Monday. (Arrangements were made on Friday and Saturday to brief both General Cabell and Mr. Dulles. In anticipation of the fact that Mr. Cannon probably wanted to discuss things other than the budget, Mr. Dulles decided to take only General Cabell, Dick Bissell, and Ed Saunders with him. Our expectations were correct. The budget was not discussed and Mr. Cannon advised Mr. Dulles that the budget would be considered at a later meeting. According to Ed Saunders the Committee was primarily interested in the Cuban Affair and apparently wanted to satisfy themselves that all of our actions had been properly coordinated with and approved by other appropriate components of the Executive Branch. Ed thinks that the meeting went quite well and that the Committee is still very well disposed toward the Agency.)

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3. [REDACTED] called to say that he had talked again with the [REDACTED] people about the recall to active duty of [REDACTED]. He requested that I call General Edmondson again and suggest that he arrange an appointment for me to see General Landon. I attempted to do this but was subsequently advised by Major Cook of General Landon's office that General Edmondson had nothing more to do with this case. I explained that I had called at General [REDACTED] suggestion, and Major Cook set up an appointment for me to see General Landon at 1630 on Monday, 15 May. However, on Monday Major Cook called to say that General Landon had already disapproved this recall, and if I wished to discuss it further, I should discuss it with General Page. I told Major Cook that I didn't see much point in discussing it with General Page, who is two or three echelons below General Landon, if General Landon had already decided to disapprove the recall. I asked Major Cook if General Page had any authority to make a different decision and he said he didn't think so. I then called [REDACTED] again and reported on my conversations with Major Cook. Ed said that he would try to work out something and call me back.

4. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that he still believed we should polygraph the service officers on duty with NPIC, and I agreed to speak with General Cabell about this.

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5. Shef Edwards advised me that based on investigations thus far he anticipated that it would be necessary for us to disapprove entry on duty in this Agency of several people now employed by NIS and the Biographic Register in the Department of State.

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